popularise the use of Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport (EDIFACT) messages.

It has been decided that the ports of Bombay and Tuticorin would first develop software and implement Electronic Data Interchange system and other ports would adopt from them.

Drop-out Rate at Primary Level

1421. DR. RAM CHANDRA DOME : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) that drop-out rate of students at the primary level of education in the last three years;

(b) the break up in such cases between rural and urban areas and between male and female students; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government to reduce the drop out rate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b). The percentage of drop out of boys and girls at primary stage during the last three years for which the data is available, were as follows:

Classes I-V	Boys	Girls	Total
1991-92	41.0	45.2	42.8
1992-93	40.1	43.0	41.3
1993-94	35.0	38.0	36.3

Drop out data on rural-urban basis is not collected.

(c) The measures taken by Central and State Governments to reduce drop out rates include micro-planning and community mobilisation; greater involvement of Panchayati Raj Institutions; setting up of village Education Committees; improvement of schools infrastructure through Operation Blackboard Scheme; incentives for girls and SC/ST students such as free text books, uniforms and scholarships; establishing and strengthening of teacher education institutions; introduction of Minimum Levels of Learning (MLL) and implementation of the Mid-Day Meals Programme.

Pending Irrigation Projects of Orissa

1422. SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK :
SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the details of irrigation projects of Orissa pending with the Union Government for clearance;

(b) since when these projects are pending alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government of Orissa have requested the Union Government for the early clearance of pending projects; and

(d) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b). A statement giving details of irrigation projects of Orissa pending clearance is attached.

(c) Yes, Sir. Deputy Chief Minister of Orissa has requested in August, 1995 for early clearance of pending irrigation projects of Orissa.

(d) At the time of correspondence withe Dy. Chief Minister of Orissa in August, 1995, 4 major and 5 medium projects of Orissa were pending clearance. Out of them, 2 major projects namely Kanupur Barrage and Subernarekha Irrigation and 2 medium projects Bagh Barrage and Baghalati have since received investment clearance from the Planning Commission.

To expedite clearance of pending projects, the Central Water Commission holds periodical meetings with the State Governments official wherein the progress of compliance of observations on pending irrigation projects is reviewed. It has also set up Units at different places in the country for assisting the States in expeditious appraisal of irrigation projects.

STATEMENT

Details of new major and medium irrigation projects of Orissa pending clearance

S.No.	Name of Project	District benefitted	Estimated Cost (Rs. crores)	Ultimate Irrigation Potential	Date of receipt in CWC. (hectares)	Status of Techno-economic appraisal.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Major					
1.	Rengali Irrigation SubOProject LBC.II	-	705.15	93.500	2/96	The Project has been found acceptable by the Advisory Committee in 9/96 subject

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
						to certain observations. The project has been cleared from rehabilitation and resettlement angle by the Ministry of Welfare. The State Govt. is required to obtain clearance from environment angle from Ministry of Environment and Forests.
2.	Lower Indira Irrigation Project	Bolangir	191.56	38.870	4/93	The State Govt. is required to comply with the observations of Central Water Commission on Irrigation Planning and other aspects. The State Govt. is also required to obtain clearance from Ministry of Environment and Forests from environment and forests angles and Ministry of Welfare for rehabilitation and resettlement plans.
3.	Lower Suktel	Bolangir	171.45	29.840	9/94	-do-
	Medium					
1.	Telengiri	Koraput	53.8	13.830	10/85	The State Government has been advised in 11/93 to expedite the feasibility study for construction of a syphon across river Indravati to carry water to Nowrangpur area and if found feasible to forward a modified proposal. The State Govt. has not forwarded the modified proposal so far. The State Government is also required to obtain clearance from Ministry of Environment and Forests and Ministry of Welfare from forest angle and for rehabilitation and resettlement plans respectively.
2.	Manjore	Dhenkanal	37.70	10.430	8/91	The project was found acceptable by the Advisory Committee in. 3/93. subject to clearance from Ministry of Welfare for rehabilitation and resettlement (R and R) Plans and forest clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forests. The Ministry of Welfare has cleared the R and R Plan.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
						The State Government is required to obtain forest clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forests.
3.	Rukura	Sundargarh	25.21	7.650	6/93	The project has been found acceptable by the Advisory Committee in 6/93 subject to clearance of Rehabilitation and Resettlement Plans and forest clearance. The Ministry of Welfare has cleared the R and R Plans. The State Govt. is required to obtain forest clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

Allocation for National Highways

1423. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any study has been made to asess the requirement of plan allocation necessary for construction/ maintenance of National Highways.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the percentage of such allocation granted for National Highways to States during last three years, and

(d) the details of Government sector schemes for passenger oriented wayside amenities along National Highways particularly in Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b). Development and maintenance of National Highways is a continuous process and requirements for improvements very at different points of time.

(c) The allocation for Development/Maintenance to various States during last three years is shown in the enclosed Statement.

(d) Under Government Sector Scheme, 17 sites in different States, including a site at Kakazichera on NH-17 in Kerala, have been identified for providing wayside amenities.

STATEMENT

Statement showing Allocation of funds for Development/Maintenance to various States during the last three years

S.No	Name of State	Development works 1993-94	Maintenance works 1993-94	Development works 1994-95	Maintenance works 1994-95	Development works 1995-96	Maintenance works 1995-96
		Rs. in lakhs					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4524.00	1716.42	5194.50	2145.64	4864.00	2842.89
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	100.00	53.51	130.00	67.24	0.00	0.00
3.	Assam	1400.00	1355.22	1485.00	1678.23	1650.00	1443.95
4.	Bihar	1920.00	1276.45	2221.00	1472.53	1980.00	1763.95
5.	Chandigarh	25.00	14.00	25.00	21.00	25.00	26.00
6.	Delhi	550.00	208.21	150.00	143.25	400.00	146.55